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SUBJECT: ILO - URUGUAYAN REQUEST FOR US SUPPORT IN
LOWERING ITS ASSESSMENT RATE

REF: MONTEVIDEO 2835

1. REFTTEL CITES REQUEST OF GOU THAT ITS ILO ASSESSMENT
RATE BE REDUCED FROM ITS PRESENT LEVEL OF .09 PERCENT TO ITS
UN/ILO HYPOTEHTICAL RATE OF .06 PERCENT FOR "1974-76". WE
NOTE THAT 1974-76 IS NOT AN ILO FISCAL PERIOD. ILO OPERATES
ON BIENNIAL BUDGET, AND PRESENT PERIOD IS 1974-75.

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2. UNDER ILO CONSTITUTION, THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE HAS SOLE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE RATES OF ASSESSMENTS, BUT DOES SO ON RECOMMENDATION OF GOVERNING BODY. SCALE OF ILO ASSESSMENTS FOR 1974 WAS SET BY CONFERENCE IN 1973, AND IN VIEW OF FACT THAT CONFERENCE WILL NOT CONVENE AGAIN IN 1974, IT WOULD BE CONSTITUTIONALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO CHANGE URUGUAY'S RATE FOR 1974. SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR 1975 WAS SET BY CONFERENCE IN JUNE 1974. SINCE CONFERENCE WILL NOT CONVENE AGAIN UNTIL JUNE 1975, WHEN 1975 ASSESSMENT YEAR IS HALF OVER (ILO OPERATES ON CALENDAR YEAR), DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THERE IS NO RPT NO CHANCE THAT GOVERNING BODY AND CONFERENCE COULD BE PERSUADED TO REOPEN QUESTION OF 1975 ASSESSMENTS.

3. USG IS COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING A PROGRAM TO BRING ILO SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS INTO LINE WITH THAT OF UN, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT DIFFERENCES IN MEMBERSHIP, GOVERNING BODY HAS MADE FORMAL DECISION THAT IT WILL PROPOSE TO CONFERENCE AT APPROPRIATE TIMES, ADJUSTMENTS TO BE MADE IN THREE STAGES, BETWEEN 1975 AND 1977. UNDER THIS PROGRAM, URUGUAY'S ASSESSMENT WILL BE REDUCED TO .06 PERCENT IN 1977, AND URUGUAY IS BEING GIVEN AN ACCELERATED REDUCTION OF .02 PERCENT IN THE FIRST YEAR OF TRANSITION, 1975, RATHER THAN BEING GIVEN .01 PERCENT IN EACH OF FIRST TWO YEARS. USG SUPPORTED ADOPTION OF THE VERSION OF THE TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM THAT GAVE URUGUAY THE ACCELERATED REDUCTION.

4. ADOPTION OF THIS TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM INVOLVED DIFFICULT DEBATE OVER PERIOD OF SEVERAL YEARS. USSR, UKRAINE, AND BYELORUSSIA ALL HAVE THEIR RATES INCREASED UNDER PROPOSED TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM, AND EMBASSY CAN WELL UNDERSTAND THE STRENGTH OF THEIR OPPOSITION. HAVING FINALLY SETTLED THE MATTER, WE DO NOT FORESEE ANY POSSIBILITY THAT THE GOVERNING BODY WOULD BE WILLING TO REOPEN THE QUESTION OF THE SCALES OF ASSESSMENTS THAT IT IS GOING TO PROPOSE TO THE CONFERENCE BETWEEN NOW AND 1977, OTHER THAN TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS FOR ANY NEW MEMBERS.

5. EMBASSY MAY ASSURE GOU, HOWEVER, THAT USG WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTINUE TO SUPPORT TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM, WHICH WILL INSURE REDUCTION OF URUGUAYAN ASSESSMENT TO .06 PERCENT AT EARLIEST FEASIBLE TIME, AND MAY REMIND GOU THAT USG SUPPORTED ACCELERATED REDUCTION DESCRIBED IN PARA 3 ABOVE.
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